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UMSA EMBTEL 1812.

Pu Although continuing wide coverage King Saud visit US, Syrian
UOP press and radio largely avoiding reference his support President
OLI Eisenhower ME proposals. Only three dailies published HERALD
OCB TRIBUNE interview (MEF 20, of February 4). Nine ran press
USIA conference story (MEF 77, February 1) but skipped King's comment
CIA that proposals merit consideration and appreciation, concentrating
OSD instead on his intention convey clarifications to Arab leaders.
ARMY Communist line daily AL NUR reported King did not (repeat not)
NAVY say Arab nations might favor proposals.

AIR Meanwhile no (repeat no) follow-ups stories on King Husayn warning
DCL on Communist penetration. Censors passed initial reports (EMBTEL
ICA 1815) but clamped down on subsequent articles by Syrian press
agency and individual papers concerning Jordanian and other reactions.

Comment: Publishers unable and /or unwilling present full facts
so long as GOS disapproves.

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